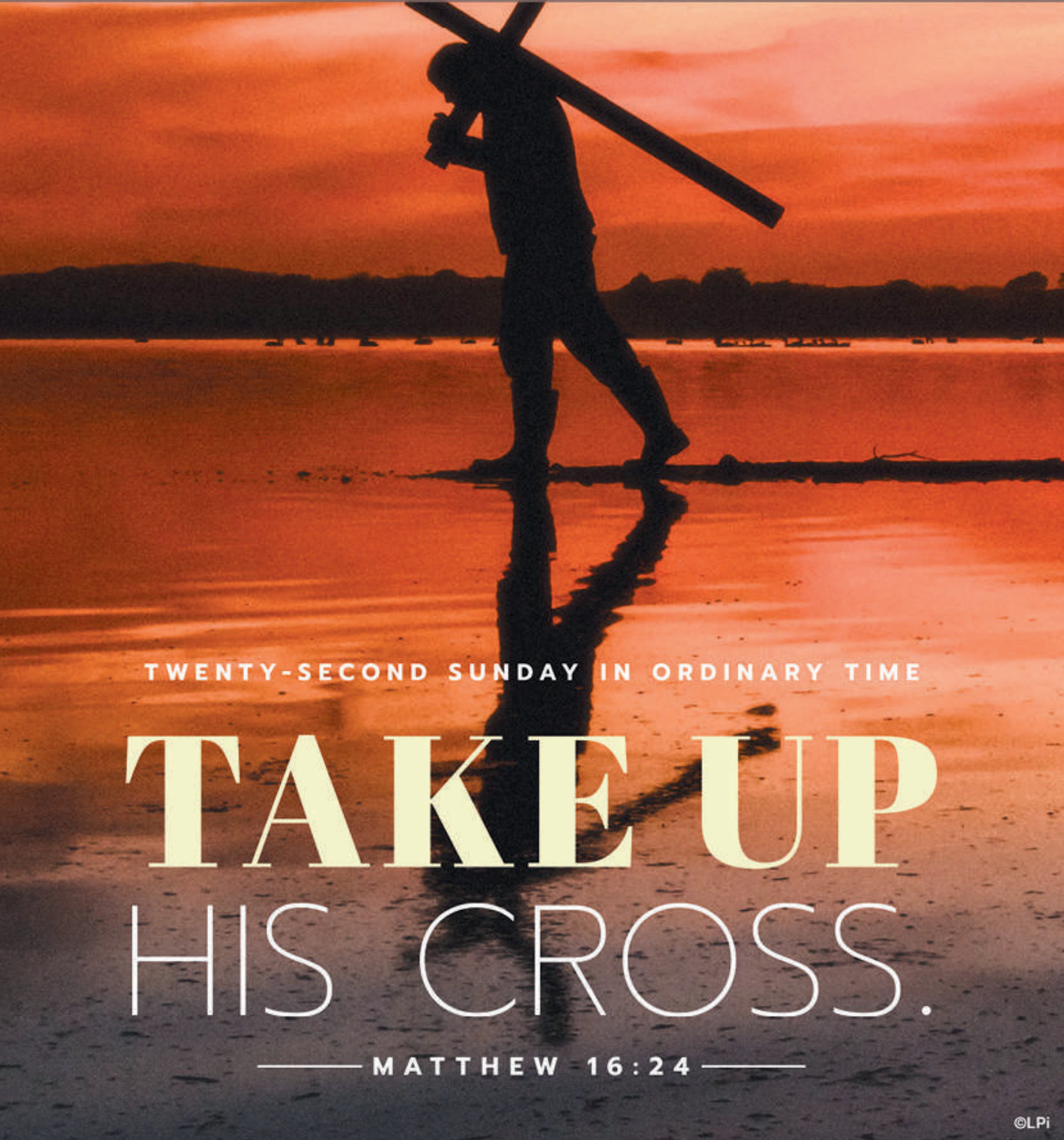


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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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HIS CROSS.

— MATTHEW 16:24 —



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:30am and 10:30am
Monday - Friday 7:00am

Wi-Fi: StMarysChurchMesh Password: STMarysGuest

Weekend Masses Live Streamed at: stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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pastor@stmarysfranklin.org

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parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org

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gerwat@verizon.net

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ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

St. Vincent De Paul: 508-918-2291

PARISH REGISTRATION

Online at www.stmarysfranklin.org or call the office.



Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sunday at 12:30pm. First time parents need to attend a Baptism Class held by Deacon Ron. Classes are held one evening each month via Zoom. To schedule a Baptism email: baptism@stmarysfranklin.org or call: 508-528-0020. To schedule a Baptism Zoom Class, contact Deacon Ron at: gerwat@verizon.net

Penance

Penance/Reconciliation is held each Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Chapel's Reconciliation Room and by appointment, anytime.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married at St. Mary should schedule their wedding one year in advance and attend a Marriage Preparation program. Please call the Parish office at 508-528-0020 to arrange a meeting with the priest in preparation for marriage and schedule a date.

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are interested in become a Catholic, please call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.

Eucharist for the Homebound

If you have a family member or friend who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, we will provide pastoral visits. To set-up visits, please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate at: pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Offices at 508-528-0020. For after hours Emergency Anointing of the Sick please call 508-528-0020 and select Emergency Anointing of the Sick. Please do not leave messages on this line.

New Sunday Family and Youth Mass

This coming Labor Day Weekend, Sunday September 6, at 5pm St. Mary Parish is adding a new Sunday Mass to the schedule! The Sunday at 5pm Mass will begin on Sunday, September 6, 2026 and concluding on Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, May 30, 2027.

New Church Security System

We are happy to announce that our St. Mary Church security project is now complete. We now have a state-of-the-art video surveillance system that allows us to monitor and record the entire interior and exterior of St. Mary's Church. Our new system also introduces a automatic entrance locking and unlocking system for every outside door of the church.

The new St. Michael the Archangel Security System is donated in loving memory of The Cupelo and Chevalier Family.

Our Sacred Heart Chapel will now be open for prayer from 6am-8pm Monday through Sunday.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



Saturday, August 29

4:00pm Beverly Theriault

Sunday, August 30

7:30am Edward Vroman

10:30am Helen L. Carberry

Monday, August 31

7:00am Barbara Donahue

Tuesday, September 1

7:00am Richard Melanson Jr.

Wednesday, September 2

7:00am Chiarina, Carmine, Antonio, & Filomena Pisani

Thursday, September 3

7:00am Robert Keller

Friday, September 4

7:00am Timothy Sullivan

Saturday, September 5

4:00pm Donald Therault

Sunday, September 6

7:30am Tatum Elizabeth Sheehan

10:30am Hector Gomez



Last weekend Troy James Griswold was Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God bless this child.

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to introduce to you, Paula Flanagan. If the name sounds familiar, it is, she is the wife of our Family Faith Formation Director, Jim Flanagan. Paula is our new Curriculum Coordinator for our Family Faith Formation program. Paula brings more than 25 years of experience in Catholic faith formation, youth ministry, theology education, and parish programming.

Paula has served in youth ministry and faith formation roles at several Massachusetts parishes, developing religious education programs, Confirmation preparation, retreats, service opportunities, and family-centered faith formation. She has also taught theology at the Academy of Notre Dame, where she currently teaches Sacred Scripture, Ethics, and Social Justice.

Paula holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Bentley College, and a Catholic Theology Certificate from St. John Seminary. She has also completed extensive training in youth ministry, youth evangelization, and Catholic faith formation through the Archdiocesan Institute of Ministry and Youth Specialties.

Paula is excited to bring her experience, creativity, and love of the Catholic faith to Family Faith Formation and looks forward to partnering with our families as they grow together in faith and deepen their relationship with Christ and the Church.

Please join me in welcoming Paula as the newest member of our St. Mary Parish Staff.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Bob



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

The Season of Creation begins this Tuesday, September 1 and ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. For many years now, the Catholic Church has joined with its sister Christian churches to use this time to “renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation.”

This year, the theme for the Season of Creation is *living water*. The biblical text which inspires this theme is from Ezekiel, chapter 47. For more information about the season itself and events related to the celebration of our *earth*, “common home,” go to: **[www:seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)**

There is also a link to join in the Prayer Service held on September 1, to mark the beginning of the season.

Protecting God's Children

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is a program designed to assist members of the Catholic community in creating safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults. Protecting God's Children® for Adults is open to all St. Mary's parishioners and is mandatory for many of our parish ministers. This program will be offered here in our parish on Sunday, September 13 (1:00 to 4:00PM) and Wednesday, September 16 (6:00 to 9:00PM) in the school modular building; you need only attend one session and you can attend anywhere in the Archdiocese. Registration is online at www.virtusonline.org; click on First Time Registrant and choose Boston, MA (Archdiocese) as your organization in order to see a list of the available sessions. Please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office (508-528-0020) or email him at pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.



Bible Study begins September 15

God's Spirit is present in the world now and in individuals of both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. In our Fall 2026 Bible Study, we will be learning about the Holy Spirit in the Bible. There will be six Monday sessions, beginning on Monday, September 15 and ending on Monday, October 26. The meetings will be held from 11:00 to 12:00 noon in the third floor chapel at Magnolia Heights, in Franklin. There is no cost for the group. Contact Leo Racine, our pastoral associate, for more information and to register. He can be reached at 508-528-0020 or pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.



Family Faith Formation

Open to all parishioners regardless of age

Read all about it and register:

<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/religious-ed>
<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/re-registration>

St. Mary's Family Faith Formation – 2026 - 2027

What is Family Faith Formation?

The Catholic Church defines the family as the "domestic church" - a community of faith, hope, and charity, where God's love is welcomed, lived, celebrated, & passed on to the next generation. Family Faith Formation session brings lessons learned in to life at home, fostering a shared spiritual life, mutual respect, and a commitment to living out the Gospel in everyday relationships regardless of ones stage of life or belief.

For More Information

Jim Flanagan Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Email Jim at jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

Office 508-528-1450 or Jim's Cell 617-922-0024

Help Wanted

St. Mary Parish Secretary

St. Mary's is looking for someone to provide administrative and clerical support for the church and parish operations. The secretary works with priests, parishioners and our organizations to fulfill the needs of the parish. This includes answering phones, managing the parish calendar, preparing for funerals and baptisms, making the weekly bulletin and creating sacramental certificates upon request. This position is a 24 to 30 hour a week, hourly paid position.

Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9am to 3pm but the additional hours are flexible. Must enjoy interacting with people, be organized and able to multi-task and have computer skills in Google Calendar, Word, Excel and Canva/MS Publishing . If interested, please email: Fr. Bob at pastor@stmarysfranklin.org



Zoom Rosary

Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or just listen. Link info is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For more information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Vincent DePaul

Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Registration at 8:30 am on the Town Common followed by a Blessing for the Walk at 9:00am. Participants can Collect donations and Walk with us or donate online with the QR Code:



St. Vincent DePaul Society

508-918-2291

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is looking for the following items to help our Franklin neighbors in need.

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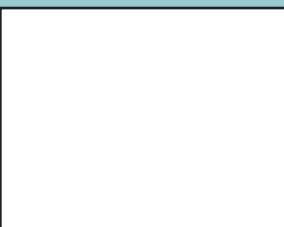



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